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**STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW**

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light" altogether and replaced them with the term "light" where the context required in the Specification and in the Claims. The undersigned agreed to withdraw Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13 and 15-20, amend Claims 5, 8, 11, 12 and 14 and add new Claims based on the Specification.

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